

## Meeting of the DER Group

19 July 2004

### Action points agreed at the meeting:

- At the beginning of future DER Group meetings, CEGIS or FFWC will be requested to give an update on the current flood situation.
- The UN Disaster Management Team (DMT) has been reactivated as a separate forum for the UN agencies to come to an agreed position on the severity of the flood situation and to determine their own response. It will act as a sub-group of the DER Group and will submit its reports, as appropriate, to the members.
- The agency flood response matrix will be transferred into Excel and reconfigured in a number of different ways to make it more useful. It will then be uploaded onto the DER website.
- The contingency planning exercise will be suspended temporarily whilst the DER Group concentrates on the current flood situation. The planning scenario will be refined and taken to next stage giving “ballpark figures” for food and non-food relief needs given the three potential scenarios. The DER Group will revert to contingency planning as soon as possible, as very widespread floods could occur as early as the first week of August with forecast high tides in the Bay of Bengal impeding drainage and causing floodwater to stagnate.
- The DER Facilitators Team will determine how to group districts in a logical way for the Dhaka based quick assessment process that the DER members will participate in this week. The DER Secretariat will outline a structure for this assessment process. The DER Facilitators and the Secretariat will produce their output by end of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004.
- The DER Group section on the LCG website should be updated frequently with information from DER member agencies. The respective agencies should send their information to the DER Secretariat. The information can include links to pertinent websites, documents such as summary assessments, and situation reports. The e-mail address for submission is [der.ban@wfp.org](mailto:der.ban@wfp.org). The website for the DER group is: [www.lcgbangladesh.org](http://www.lcgbangladesh.org)
- The DER Secretariat will activate the Operations Rooms for DER Group use on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of the WFP Office in Dhaka. The phone numbers are: 8116344-48 and 8119064-72, the extensions are 2171 and 2215.
- As a rehabilitation and recovery issue for future consideration, the DER Group members could request the credit-lending NGOs to reschedule their micro credit payback time so that the flood affected population is not further burdened by the pressure to repay their loans so quickly.

The next DER Group meeting will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10:30 am. The agenda for the meeting will be sent out on Wednesday, 21 July.